

Picture This: Twenty Questions about the Demographics of Fairfax County [Answer Key]

1. What is the **land area** of the County in square miles? 399
2. What was the 1998 County **population**? 931,452
Estimate for 2020? 1,180,626
3. What percent of residents have moved into Fairfax County since 1993? 27%
4. What is the **density** of Fairfax County (people per square mile)? 2,603
5. What percent of county residents in 1996, age 25 years and older, were **college graduates**? 56%
6. What was the **median household income** in Fairfax County in 1997? \$72,000
In Virginia? \$41,000 In the U.S.? \$37,000
7. Where does the county **rank** nationally in **per capita income** for 1997? 18
8. What percent of county residents lived below the **poverty line** in 1998? 3.3%
What has been the trend for this figure since 1980? slight decrease from 3.9%
9. What is the dollar amount of the 1999 HHS Poverty Guideline for a family of four?
\$16,700 (This is the federal government's income definition of poverty.)
10. What are the four major **racial/ethnic groups** in the county? Note percent of total population in 1998: White 66.7% Asian 13.1% Hispanic 9.5% Black 8.2%
11. What percent of the population was **19 years old and younger** in 1980? 32.4%
In 1998? 26.9%
What percent was **older than 65** in 1980? 4.5% In 1998? 8.2%
What impact might these statistics have on county services? Greater demand for senior support services: recreation, housing, medical/rescue. Possible competition for tax dollars to support these activities over other services.
12. Which district will experience the greatest gain in **housing units** between 1990 and 2025? Sully (from 35,000 to 71,000) The least gain? Braddock (from 31,000 to 34,000)
13. What was the **median market value** of single-family housing for Fairfax County in 1998? \$227,884
Which district had the highest? Dranesville
Which had the lowest? Lee
14. What percent of county residents **commute to work** within the county? 51%

15. What percent of county residents **work for the federal government**? 15%
16. How many more **minutes** did it take to commute to work in 1998 than in 1980? 1.1
17. According to the 1992 economic census how many **pet shops** were located in Fairfax County? 27
18. What percent of the households in the county have access to the **Internet**? Over 50%
19. What percent of households had a **home computer**? (1998) 69.5%
20. What percent of County residents **speak a language other than English** at home? 30.7%